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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 2279

WARSAW FOR JOHN BAKER

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US VISIT BY CZECH DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTER

REF: PRAGUE 2277, PRAGUE 2268 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN TUESDAY CLAIMS NEGOTIATION SESSION, CZECHS EXPRESSED ACCEPTANCE OF US REJECTION OF PARALLEL BETWEEN CLAIMS AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IN APPARENT EFFORT TO PRESERVE SOME SYMBOLIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CLAIMS NEGOTIATION AND CZECH INTEREST IN FUTURE TRADE, ZANTOVSKY PROPOSED THAT CZECH DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER IVAN PETER HEAD DELEGATION TO US IN FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER. (PETER HAD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THIS YEAR SPOKEN OF TRIP TO US TO DISCUSS TRADE DEVELOPMENT).

2. WE TOLD CZECHS THAT WE WOULD REPORT PROPOSAL. WE REMARKED THAT SUCH VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN SITUATION AFFECTED BY QUESTION OF WHETHER CLAIMS HAD BEEN SETTLED AND WHETHER CONGRESS HAD ACTED ON TRADE BILL. IT WAS CLEAR FROM DISCUSSION THAT CZECHS FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT NO TALKS OR NEGOTIATIONS ARE POSSIBLE IN ABSENCE OF CLAIMS SETTLEMENT.

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3. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ASSUME THAT PETER VISIT CAN BE WELCOMED. WE CAN, OF COURSE, FURTHER SET FRAMEWORK OF VISIT, AND DISCUSS ITINERARY CONSISTENT WITH OUR STRICTURES. GIVEN CLEAR SIGNAL THAT PETER VISIT WOULD BE GRACEFUL WAY OUT OF OPENING CZECH POSITION IN CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS, WE WOULD HOPE FOR EARLY INSTRUCTIONS.
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